



# Lichen apprenticeship scheme

## Lichens in Atlantic woodlands

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Plantlife and the British Lichen Society are pleased to be able to invite applications to join the apprenticeship scheme on lichens in Atlantic woodlands. This innovative programme, part of the Heritage Lottery Funded Make the Small Things Count project, will support interested members of the public to gain a solid foundation in lichen identification and an understanding of the ecology of lichen epiphytes (those growing on the bark of trees and shrubs) and woodland habitats. The focus of the scheme is Atlantic woodlands, which are home to some of our most celebrated lichen species.

### The apprenticeship involves:

- Attending 5 days of training taking place in Dartmoor and/or Exmoor (training days will be repeated at both locations)
- Attending 1-2 organised survey days
- Undertaking 2-3 independent monitoring surveys. Apprentices will be signposted to appropriate opportunities
- Guided private study and portfolio completion.

### Apprentices can expect from us:

- Expert tuition, guidance and support
- All resources and equipment needed to undertake the course
- A combination of practical field work and indoor sessions covering theory and technical skills such as the use of microscopes.

### Entry requirements and assessment

This programme does not lead to a qualification so there is no formal assessment nor any entry requirements. Apprentices will be expected to keep a portfolio through which they will identify skills that they have gained. Apprentices are not required to have any specialist knowledge prior to starting the programme however a genuine interest in learning about lichens and a commitment to the requirements of this free programme are essential.

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**We expect demand to be high and so would encourage you to apply early. Applications must be received by Monday 31st March 2014. To apply go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/lichenapprenticeship](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lichenapprenticeship) and fill in the form.**

